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TO: MA Licensed Ambulance Services  
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FROM: Abdullah Rehayem, Acting Director

RE: Waiver of Cutoff Date in 105 CMR 170.355(C) and (D)

DATE: December 21, 2006

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Pursuant to his authority under M.G.L. c. 111C, §22, the Commissioner has waived the cutoff date in 105 CMR 170.355(C) and (D), the EMS System Regulations sections regarding, respectively, the duty to dispatch, treat and transport prior to the approval of a service zone plan and the provision of primary ambulance service.

As a result, 105 CMR 170.355(C) will continue to apply in communities that are not covered by a Department-approved service zone plan after December 31, 2006. Once any community has a Department-approved service zone in place, its duties with regard to dispatch, treatment and transport will be governed by 105 CMR 170.355(B), and 105 CMR 170.355(D) will then apply to the provision of primary ambulance service.

This waiver does not affect the duty of local jurisdictions to develop service zone plans in accordance with all requirements set forth in chapter 111C, the EMS regulations, and guidance issued by the Department.